

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, I recognize you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Elroy right, Chris wrong, let's get...I like that analysis, Dave. I am going to withdraw the question but there is a whole fallacy in some of the argument that is going on here. The fallacy is, can the budget be cut or can't it be cut? You know, it says if...maybe it is not within our power to do. The fact is that it is within our power to do. It is clearly within our power to do it with no damage to our existing institutions. But we keep kidding ourselves that maybe it is not within our power as if something other than ourselves controls ourselves. I am going to withdraw the amendment but I am refileing the amendment if there are committee amendments adopted. If we advance a neutral bill, that is still the wrong message because if you intend to cut taxes, you don't need any bill at all. But at least if you advance a neutral bill, that is a reasonable compromise, and if people don't want to argue this along every step of the way, and I can understand that they don't, I am willing to do that. And I will withdraw the amendment temporarily, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. In order to expedite things here, I would suggest that...and I have ten lights on, and I don't really think we need to discuss this bill that much especially if we follow Senator Beutler's lead now together with Senator Hefner and Senator Landis. I think you are pretty much in agreement and I would appreciate it if we could get along with this bill and not talk about it so much because we do have other things that are important. I don't know exactly how to do this without just simply asking you to take your lights off if you have them on. I don't have any authority, of course, but I would appreciate it. Okay, we have some amendments, I understand.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have some amendments to the committee amendments. Senator Landis and Hefner, you had that amendment to the committee amendments, Senator. It is the one...it is the new section, "This act shall be operative for all taxable years commencing on or after January 1."

SENATOR HEFNER: We will withdraw that.

CLERK: Withdraw that. Okay. And, Mr. President, then,